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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Reissue application of :  
Kinam Park et al. :  
Serial No: 10/807,227 : Art Unit: 1711  
Filed: March 22, 2004 : Examiner: J. Cooney  
For: HYDROGEL COMPOSITES AND :  
SUPERPOROUS HYDROGEL COMPOSITES :  
HAVING FAST SWELLING, HIGH : Confirmation No: 1689  
MECHANICAL STRENGTH, AND :  
SUPERABSORBENT PROPERTIES :

**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114(c)**  
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is directed to the accompanying documents, which relate to an Opposition filed in the European Patent Office against EP Patent 988108. Said patent is the European counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 6,271,278, for which reissue is sought by the above-identified patent application. An oral hearing in the Opposition was held in Munich, Germany on July 13, 2007 and the Opposition Division issued its Decision on July 24, 2007, which confirms the inventiveness of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Auxiliary Request set of claims.

Enclosed herewith are copies of the following documents:

- Letter dated August 2, 2007 from Vossius & Partner;
- Minutes of the oral proceeding and pages 5, 10-13 of the specification filed during the proceeding; and
- Interlocutory Decision including 2<sup>nd</sup> Auxiliary Request.

The references discussed in the Decision are D1: US Pat. No. 5,338,766 (Phan et al.), D2: DE 19540951 (Hahnle et al.) and D3: EP 744435 (Ishizaki et al.), "of record" in the application.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed documents be considered during the prosecution of this application to the extent that they are deemed relevant, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

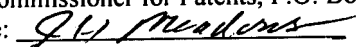


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Opposition against EP Patent 988108

(Application No.: 98 91 5058.6)

Patentee: Purdue Research Foundation

Opposition by: BASF Aktiengesellschaft

Your Ref.: 368-012EP

Our Ref.: D2666 OPP(EP)

München, August 2, 2007

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Dear Dr. Meadows,

Please find enclosed the minutes of the oral proceedings and the decision by the Opposition Division of July 24, 2007, with which the above-mentioned patent is maintained as amended.

Against this decision, a formal appeal may be filed by

October 3, 2007

A substantiation of the appeal has to be submitted to the European Patent Office by

December 3, 2007

Both deadlines are not extendable.

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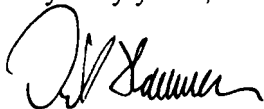
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Please let us know, preferably by September 3, 2007, whether you wish to lodge an appeal against the above-mentioned decision so that we can take the necessary steps in time.

*Please confirm receipt of this letter in any case.*

Very truly yours,



Dr. Dirk Harmsen

**Encl.:**

Minutes of oral proceedings

Decision by the Opposition Division